## PORTRAIT OF MRS. DOLLY MADISON.

January 18, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cummings, from the Committee on the Library, submitted the following

## REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 5383.]

The Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the bill (H. R 5383) providing for the purchase of the oil portrait of Mrs. Dolly Madison, by E. F. Andrews, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

During the second session of the Fifty-third Congress a similar measure was reported favorably, but no action was taken by the House. This portrait is said to be a most admirable likeness of one of the most remarkable women of her day—the wife of the fourth Pesident of the United States. The picture now hangs in the Executive Mansion, and is regarded by all as a most appropriate and valuable ornament.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the bill.